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NOVLP024X2/NVLS-2852

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Patent Application  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Michal Danek and Robert Rozbicki**

For: **BARRIER FIRST METHOD FOR SINGLE DAMASCENE TRENCH APPLICATIONS**

Assigned to : Novellus Systems, Inc.

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part  
of prior Application No.: 10/412,562, which is a continuation-in-part of 6,607,977 from which priority  
under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 24 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 5 Sheets of formal Drawings  
☒ 2 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Newly executed  
☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is  
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a  
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-part ☐ Divisional  
application of co-pending prior  
☐ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_,  
☐ International Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ which  
designated the United States,  
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application  
before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	23	MINUS	20	= 3	x 18 =	54.00
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	= 0	x 86 =	0.00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	770.00
TOTAL						824.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

☒ Check No.8803 in the amount of \$864.00 is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP024X2).


General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP024X2).

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In re application of: Danek et al.

Attorney Docket No.:

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Application No.: NEW

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

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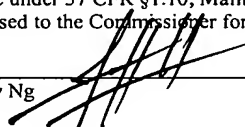
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Jeffrey Ng**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: March 18, 2003  
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Jeffrey K. Weaver  
Registration No. 31,314**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications, eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign of international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).